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Attorney Docket No.
50275-001812/27/00
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(X) Original Patent Application.

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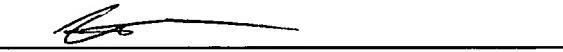
**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	J. Tracy Weed, et al.
Title	MANUFACTURING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS
Atty. Docket Number	50275-0018

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